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INCREASE IN THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given any specific attention to augment agricultural production and also to 27 Centrally sponsored schemes under the Micromanagement Mode to give freedom and flexibility to States as per their requirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof and outcome thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether these steps have shown positive trend in agricultural production;

(d) if so, the details thereof and total production of major crops during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve farming techniques and methods to augment agricultural production including oilseeds in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture has been devised by integrating 27 Centrally Sponsored Schemes to give States flexibility to develop and pursue activities on the basis of their regional priorities for augmenting agricultural production.

The Macro Management of Agriculture is a major step towards achieving decentralization in pursuance of restoring primacy of the States in agricuotural development planning. The Scheme aims at all round development in agriculture through Work Plans prepared by States. The Work Plans will review the States` past performance in the agriculture sector and set out specific goals and objectives for the development of agriculture in the State. It will be based on a detailed analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, identify specific areas for concentration of efforts to meet the challenges and to raise the productivity levels of different priority crops. The Work Plans will comprise specific intervention/activities for different crops/regions in the State to achieve these objectives in a time bound manner and to ensure optimal use of available resources. The Macro-Management Scheme aims at supplementation/complementation of States efforts through Work Plan to enhance Agricultural Production.

The Scheme is in operation since November, 2000 and it is too early to comment on the definite contribution of the Scheme on production. It may, however, be mentioned that the overall agricultural production is likely to be 211.17 million tonnes during the period 2001-02. This will be a record production and 15.25 million tonnes more than the last years` production of 195.92 million tonnes.

The details of total production of major crops during the last three years, year-wise, are annexed.

Annexure

Details of total production of major crops during the last three years, year-wise

Crop	Production (`000 Tonnes)		
	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01
Rice	86076.7	89682.9	84871.2
Wheat	71287.5	76368.9	68763.3
Jowar	8415.4	8684.9	7715.8
Bajra	6955.6	5782.2	7058.9

Maize 11147.7 11509.6 12067.9
Ragi 2608.1 2289.5 2741.9
Small Millets 670.8 618.2 600.1
Barley 1537.8 1447.0 1431.5
Coarse Cereals 31335.4 30331.4 31616.1
Cereals 188699.6196383.2 185250.6
Tur (Arhar) 2708.1 2694.0 2262.4
Pulses other
than Tur 2433.2 2122.4 2204.4
Gram 6800.7 5118.1 3522.4
Pulses other
than Gram 2965.3 3483.8 2676.1
Pulses 14907.3 13418.3 10665.3